



**BAYOU HEALTH Quality Committee**

**October 30, 2012**

**Room 118 @ 9:30 am**

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order- by Dr. Rodney Wise, Chairman
2. Introductions
3. Meeting Minutes Discussed.
  - Motion to accept the July Meeting Minutes by Dr. Vanchiere. Dr. Stewart Gordon was in agreement. Minutes approved.
4. Discussion/Adoption of Draft Bylaws:
  - Dr. Vanchiere asked if there had been any resolution relative to reimbursement of travel expenses for members of the committee. Dr. Wise stated there was not due to budgetary concerns. Dr. Vanchiere made a motion to strike the reimbursement sentence from Article V, Section 4. Justin Bennett was in agreement.
  - Discussion around Article III, Voting, clarification of advanced notice. It was decided that email notification satisfies the requirement for advanced written notice of a member's absence and representation by proxy for an upcoming meeting.
  - Article I, Section 5: Clarification-Attendance through the phone conference line counts as present for the meeting.
  - Dr. Kieltyka made a motion that all members be required to attend at least one meeting per year in person. A vote was held, motion passed. Article I, Section 5 will be amended to reflect.
  - Dr. Stewart Gordon made a motion that the bylaws be accepted as amended. Dr. John Vanchiere was in agreement. Motion passed to approve bylaws as amended.
5. Election of officers:

- The office of chairman is specified in the bylaws as the Medicaid Medical Director.
  - Dr. Wise opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.
  - Dr. Vanchiere nominated Dr. Brian Sibley for the office of Vice Chair. Dr. Stewart Gordon was in agreement. There were no additional nominations. Dr. Wise accepted Dr. Sibley as Vice Chairman.
  - The office of Secretary was discussed. Dr. Wise stated per the bylaws that the person serving as Secretary could be a member nominated by the Committee or could be a DHH employee. If a DHH employee serves as Secretary, they are restricted from voting. Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo of UHC nominated a DHH employee serve in the office of Secretary. There were no other nominations. Dr. Wise accepted the nomination. Libby Gonzales (DHH) will serve as the current Secretary for the Committee.
6. CMS Adult Performance Measures Grant/Update-Dr. Wise
- The Department has applied for a non-competitive grant being issued by CMS. It was discussed that the deadline for notification of applicants of the status of their applications has been extended. Dr. Wise stated that it is anticipated that adult quality measures would be added to the performance measures for Bayou Health.
  - Dr. Wise requested that Committee members be notified of the determination of the grant award once received from CMS.
7. Specific clinical care issues:
- a. Hyperbilirubinemia management- outpatient vs. inpatient management was discussed at the initial Quality Committee meeting.
    - Dr. Logarbo stated that outpatient treatment with labs being done in the physician's office is a widely accepted practice and very cost effective.
    - Dr. Gordon clarified that the prepaid plans have the option to treat on an outpatient basis and that this is an issue for the shared plans. He stated he felt the approach should be consistent across the five plans.
    - Dr. Vanchiere supported the development of common practice guidelines for practitioners treating these infants. He also suggested that there be a workgroup consisting of all five health plan medical directors to address the issue.
  - b. EPSDT tracking and reporting-A concern was raised by Dr. Sibley at the initial Bayou Health Quality Committee meeting concerning the

availability of EPSDT data from the Health Plans prior to the recipient being late for the required screenings.

- UHC reported that EPSDT data is now available on line for MD access in the requested Excel format.
  - LaCare reported the same availability.
  - CHS reported the same availability.
  - Amerigroup is still working on their online access. Effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, the data will be available sixty (60) days in advance.
  - LHC reported their data is currently available on line but not in advance of the required screening. They are currently working on updating the portal to provide advance notice.
  - Justin Bennett, NP, requested clarification for billing relative to changes in EPSDT requirements: Would we be required to bill differently to allow claims to pay?
  - Dr. Wise discussed the plan to move away from our current periodicity schedule and follow AAP guidelines as Dr. Logarbo mentioned with regard to deleting annual urinalysis from the schedule.
  - Dr. Logarbo supports following AAP guidelines, placing our emphasis on prevention and saving money over the long term.
  - Dr. Vanchiere also supports the AAP guidelines but would like to see the committee analyze other measures related to benefits/cost savings.
  - Dr. Gordon makes a motion to have the Hyperbilirubinemia workgroup address EPSDT.
  - Dr. Wise includes Justin Bennett, NP, in the workgroup.
  - There was a suggestion made that CNSI's PRISM system triggers be coordinated relative to EPSDT data.
- c. ER Utilization: Ms. Sunanna Chand, representing the Mayor's Healthy City Initiative of Baton Rouge, attended the meeting to seek the Committee's cooperation/collaboration with their ER Working Group to address the issues of overutilization in our community.
- The Committee expressed interest in collaborating with the workgroup. Dr. Logarbo stated that none of the area hospitals have been willing to share their ER utilization data with UHC. Dr. Wise asked that the notice of the upcoming meeting be emailed out to all Committee members. He also requested that Ms.

Chand's contact information be emailed to all committee members.

- Mr. Joe Rossier commented that this was a working group for the Baton Rouge area only and perhaps this could progress to a state wide initiative.
  - Dr. Vanchiere asked Dr. Wise when we could we expect to begin receiving data. Dr. Wise stated that ULM is currently working on baseline data and is near completion. There has been some delay due to claim lag and the delay of claims submitted by the prepaid plans to Molina.
  - Dr. Logarbo stated that UHC works on real time data not claims data.
  - Mary Noel asked which baseline data was being referenced. Dr. Wise stated HEDIS, AHRQ, CHIPRA, and performance measures. Mary also asked when we would see the administrative data. Dr. Wise stated we would request clarification from Mary Johnson on when administrative data would be available.
  - Dr. Vanchiere asked multiple questions relative to the availability of data, if the Plans are generating their own data, could data be obtained from both the Plans and DHH, would DHH be looking at real time data?
  - Dr. Gordon asked if the data would be for a 1 or 2 year time frame, and would level 1 and/or level 2 performance measures be included. Sandra Blake with ULM stated that they were working on finalizing the data and it is near ready for submission to DHH.
  - Dr. Gordon also asked if the State already had utilization data from Molina regarding Community Care 2.0. Dr. Wise suggested we get clarification from Veronica Dent at DHH with regard to the above.
- d. Flu vaccination through the school system: Dr. Vanchiere raised this issue at the initial BHQC meeting stating that now having the members in five Health Plans, reimbursement was very complicated. Dr. Wise proposed a work group consisting of the five Health Plan medical directors, led by Dr. Vanchiere, to work on a resolution to the problem.
- Justin Bennett, NP, asked for clarification on billing/reimbursement of flu vaccines for adults. Currently it is not a separate reimbursable item for FQHC/RHC's. Dr. Wise

named Justin Bennett to the list of work group participants for flu vaccine reimbursement issues.

- e. Dr. Vanchiere presented a handout to the committee members with data relative to the pros/cons of administration of IV antibiotics outside the hospital setting. The data focuses mainly on adult patient populations. He acknowledged that there is little published with regard to this subject on children. Dr. Vanchiere proposed that a work group be led by him, consisting of the five Health Plan medical directors, possibly to develop guidelines for continued hospitalization of certain patients when medical necessity criteria are no longer met.
  - Dr. Wise commissioned the workgroup.
  - Mary Noel volunteered to participate in the workgroup based on her involvement and experience in case management.

8. Additional programs to be included in Bayou Health: Pharmacy

- Pharmacy benefits will be rolled in to the Prepaid Health Plans effective November 1, 2012.
- Pharmacy benefits for Fee For Service Medicaid and the Shared Plans are being revamped.
- Some of the changes are CMS driven.
- Approximately 38% of the Medicaid population is in a prepaid Plan.
- Approximately 62% of the population is in a shared Plan or continues in Fee For Service Medicaid.
- All existing Medicaid participating pharmacies will be considered participating pharmacies.
- There shall not be an expansion of mail order pharmacy.
- Justin Bennett, NP, asked if PA's would still go through Molina. Dr. Wise stated that most currently go through ULM and Molina. The drugs that require PA are not changing. The P&T Committee will still determine the preferred drug list. Their next meeting is Wednesday, October 31, 2012.
- Dr. Vanchiere asked if there would be a common PDL. Dr. Wise responded saying that the prepaid Plans can develop their own PDL. They must cover all therapeutic classes of drugs that Medicaid currently covers. They must maintain a current PDL that is accessible on line. Shared Plans and FFS Medicaid will have a common PDL. We do not expect an extreme variation. Transition periods of 60 and 90 (Behavioral Health drugs) days for current medications.
- Dr. Vanchiere stated he would like to see publication of the guidelines for giving/obtaining Synagis.

9. Subcommittees

- a. Birth Outcomes/Update: Dr. Gee is not available.
- b. Other(s)

- Administrative Simplification Committee/Update: Jen Steele gave an update on the activities of the committee.

10. Announcement: Dr. Wise announced his retirement from the State as Medicaid Medical Director, effective December 1, 2012. His last day at work will be Wednesday, October 31, 2012. He stated it has been his pleasure to be a part of Bayou Health. He thanked everyone for their support. In closing, he charged the Committee to ensure that the focus on Quality does not get lost. Dr. Wise was asked about his replacement. He responded that the Department will begin the process to fill the position and that due to the importance of the position, will not be a prolonged period of time until a replacement is selected.

11. Public comment: No public comment was offered.

12. Next meeting date: Dr. Wise stated that the next meeting will be in early January. He also named Libby Gonzales as the central point of contact for the distribution of information to the Committee.

- Dr. Vanchiere requested that data to be discussed at meetings be sent out 30 days prior. He also requested that meetings be scheduled with longer advance notice.
- Dr. Wise stated contact information of committee members would be emailed out to all members to facilitate communication within the workgroups.
- Dr. Kieltyka suggested that the Committee may want to consider the need for a Data Outcomes Reporting Committee at a later date to ensure the validity of the data.

13. Adjournment: 11:10 am.

